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Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community

Pentecost 13

Sept. 8, 2019

10:30 am

Words printed in **bold type** are to be spoken by the congregation.

Organ Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and News

Introit MV 1 Let Us Build a House vs. 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell

how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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Call to Worship* (**Written by Catherine Tovell, **Gathering**, Pentecost 2 2018, page 31. Adapted*)

We gather in this sacred place to find God in reverence and in awe.

We come seeking to be inspired.

We gather in this ordinary place to find God in everyday life events.

We come seeking to be surprised.

We gather in this prayer-soaked place to find God in each other.

We come to worship, seeking community, connection and peace.

Opening Prayer

Hymn VU 509 Here I Am, Lord (I, the Lord of Sea and Sky)

Prayer of Confession** (**written by Gord Waldie, Adapted)

**Holy One, you know us more deeply than we know ourselves.
You know our capacity for love. You know our capacity for
indifference. You know our ability to serve each other. You know our
ability to serve ourselves. Keep us, we pray, on the path of wisdom.
Help us be as you made us to be; all who we were made to be.**

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. We may turn from God; we may separate ourselves from God's vision and love more times than we can count, and still, this is our good news - we are loved, we are forgiven and we are free to begin again.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem A Festive Psalm of Praise by Gilbert M. Martin

Children's Time

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Following the passing of the peace, the younger crowd is welcome to join Katelyn at the **Children's Table** in the Narthex for a time of activity, story, and conversation.*

Scripture Reading

Lynn E. Soens

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Psalm 139 (VU 861, *with sung refrain*)

Luke 14: 25-33

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 563 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Message

Rev. Sherri McConnell

Solo The Twenty-Third Psalm by A. Malotte
given by Fred Simpson

Collection of Offerings and Offertory

After the offering is introduced, an offertory will be played by the organist and the collection taken. Thank you for your gift, whether given today or through other means of supporting ministry at Westminster Church.

Offering Doxology VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God Verse 3

**All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Let us pray:

**Holy One, accept these gifts, and the gifts that are our lives;
and with these gifts may the hungry be fed,**

the lonely find comfort,
and the despairing find hope.
In Christ we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our father/mother, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU 654 All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response MV 179 Sisters Let Us Walk Together vs 3 **unison**

People let us love together,
Joining spirits, linking hands,
we are God's unique creation,
clothed with dignity we'll stand. *sung twice*

Choral Response Three-Fold Amen



Organ Postlude

Lectionary Readings *(Gathering, PENTECOST 2 2019, p 11. Used with permission.)*

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September 15 – Fourteenth after Pentecost (Proper 19)

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28

The land shall be desolation; the earth shall mourn.

Psalms 14 (VU pp. 735)

The foolish say, “There is no God.”

I Timothy 1:12–17

Christ came to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.

Luke 15:1–10

The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.

To Ponder

When have you felt lost, but been found? When have you experienced forgiveness?